

SOUTHERN REGION

REGIONAL BREAKOUT SESSION

Thursday – 1 pm to 5 pm

1:00 pm Welcome/Greetings (Kandis Boyd/Ben Weiger)

The Regional Breakout Session will officially begin with greetings presented by Ben Weiger, Chief of the Hydrologic Services Branch.

1:10 pm Regional Updates (Ben Weiger)

Ben Weiger will provide updates to the Hydrology Program Managers on issues specific to Southern Region.

2:00 pm **Break**

2:15 pm Dambreak (David Welch)

This presentation will include rules of thumb and best practices for using the NWS Damcat software.

3:00 pm **Break**

3:15 pm VTEC/WHFS/New Tools (Jeff Zimmerman)

This session will discuss several operational tools for both operational forecasters and hydrologists.

5:00 pm Adjourn

Friday – 8 am to 12 pm

8:00 am Regional Updates, Continued (Kandis Boyd)

Kandis will provide updates to the Hydrology Program Managers on issues specific to Southern Region.

8:30 am VTEC Best Practices (Mark Lenz)

A VTEC test site will summarize what they learned during the testing phase and what the best ways to use the VTEC in operational mode for Hydrology Warning products.

9:00 am **Break**

9:15 am WFO/RFC Workshop Recap (HICs)

Representatives from the River Forecast Centers will provide brief highlights of their recent WFO/RFC workshops.

9:35 am Contingency Forecasts by RFC (HICs)

The RFCs will summarize procedures they use when receiving a contingency forecast request.

9:55 am Outreach – Coordination with External Customers (HICs)

Examples of outreach done by offices will be presented.

10:15 am **Break**

10:30 am Flood Wave (Reggina Cabrera-Garza)

This presentation will quickly review what Flood Wave is and give an overview of plans for its implementation on major rivers.

11:00 am Training (Keith Stellman)

This presentation will provide an overview of hydrologic training courses available to NWS staff.

11:30 am Review Action Items

11:45 am Adjourn